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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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**FOR FURTHER ACTION**  
See paragraph 2 below

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC  
IPC(7): A61H 1/02 and US Cl.: 601/5, 33

Applicant  
REABILITY INC.

1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I      Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II      Priority
- Box No. III      Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV      Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V      Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI      Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII      Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII      Certain observations on the international application

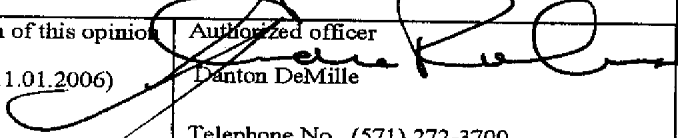
**2. FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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**Box No. I Basis of this opinion**

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

the international application in the language in which it was filed

a translation of the international application into \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

a sequence listing

table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

on paper

in electronic form

c. time of filing/furnishing

contained in the international application as filed.

filed together with the international application in electronic form.

furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.

3.  In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

4. Additional comments:

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**Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention**

1.  In response to the invitation (Form PCT/ISA/206) to pay additional fees the applicant has, within the applicable time limit:
- paid additional fees
  - paid additional fees under protest and, where applicable, the protest fee
  - paid additional fees under protest but the applicable protest fee was not paid
  - not paid additional fees
2.  This Authority found that the requirement of unity of invention is not complied with and chose not to invite the applicant to pay additional fees.
3. This Authority considers that the requirement of unity of invention in accordance with Rule 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 is
- complied with
  - not complied with for the following reasons:

See the lack of unity section of the International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/210)

4. Consequently, this opinion has been established in respect of the following parts of the international application:

- all parts.
- the parts relating to claims Nos. 1-8

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43 bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-8</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-8</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-8</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 1-8 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Erlandson. As broadly claimed, Erlandson teaches a frame 10, an actuator 12 that includes a movement mechanism capable of applying a force that interacts with a motion of the patient's limb in a volume of at least 30 cm. The program in which selected to perform an exercise routine would prevent substantial motion in any point in any direction that is not in the desired exercise routine. A joint 34 allows multiple relative placements of the end effector. The device includes at least one sensor 36 to report the location of the joint.

Claims 1-8 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus have industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.